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MI Choice Waiver

The MI Choice Waiver is also known as the Home and Community-Based Waiver for the Elderly and Disabled. It provides services to aged and physically disabled individuals 18 years old and over who are U.S. citizens and who want to stay in their homes or another residential setting; but without the provision of waiver services, would require the level of care only available in a nursing facility.

Income and assets requirements and restrictions apply. Individuals must be currently Medicaid approved or be Medicaid eligible if they were to enter a nursing facility. MDCH contracts with local waiver agencies to administer this program.

In addition to regular Medicaid coverage, enrollees receive waiver services that include:

- Adult day care
- Chore services
- Counseling
- Environmental modifications
- Home delivered meals
- Homemaker services
- Medical supplies and durable medical equipment beyond those covered by regular Medicaid
- Personal care supervision
- Personal emergency response systems
- Private duty nursing (if age 21 or older)
- Respite
- Training in a variety of independent living skills
- Transportation

For more information on the MI Choice Waiver Program, contact the Waiver Agency in your area.

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NPI Countdown Column



MEDICAID WANTS YOUR NPI NOW

Medicaid would like all Providers who have their NPI number(s) to report them to Medicaid by **November 1, 2006**. By giving

Medicaid your NPI ahead of time, you are helping the testing process and avoiding a potential lapse in payment after the compliance date of May

23, 2007. Medicaid is scheduled to begin internal testing with NPI transactions by January 1, 2007.



HOW TO REPORT YOUR NPI TO MEDICAID

To enter your NPI number please log on to the State's Single Sign-On (SSO) website at <https://sso.state.mi.us/>. A list of detailed instructions for the SSO is located at the MDCH NPI website.

For those Businesses or Groups with many Individual NPI numbers associated with them, a mass NPI collector will be added to the SSO and will be available soon.



Please stay tuned to the MDCH website for when that feature becomes available.

If you have not already applied for a NPI number please do so soon. You can apply online at <https://npes.cms.hhs.gov/> or call toll free at 1-800-465-3203.

NPI TRAINING

Medicaid will be incorporating NPI training sessions with new **CHAMPS** training. Please look for these trainings at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Medicaid Provider Training Sessions. The training sessions will review the new **CHAMPS** system and the NPI information. Medicaid is adding some additional benefits to all providers who attend these training sessions. At these sessions, a Medicaid representative will be available to sign up providers for the SSO Application and assist in entering your NPI number(s) into the SSO.



ADDITIONAL NPI INFORMATION

Medicaid will be sending monthly NPI reminders and updates to all Providers via postcards. The postcards will include information on how to report your NPI to Medicaid, and also any updates or



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changes that Medicaid has made with the NPI. All postcards regarding the NPI will be mailed in **BLUE**.

Medicaid will also be posting NPI information via ListServ announcements. If you have not signed up for the MDCH ListServ, please follow the instructions that are located at the Provider Updates website, under the Provider Tips section to sign up today.

For more information about the NPI, Fact Sheets, and NPI related web links, please log on to the MDCH website at www.michigan.gov/mdch >> Providers>> National Provider Identifier.

Any questions that Providers may have can be directed to the Provider Inquiry Unit at 1-800-292-2550 or you can email your NPI questions to npi@michigan.gov.

**THE MEDICAID NPI DEADLINE IS SOON...
NOVEMBER 1, 2006
MEDICAID NEEDS YOUR NPI NOW!!!**

Q&A – Skilled Nursing Facility Resident with Medicare Part D

Q. If a resident in a skilled nursing facility has Medicaid and is enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan; does the resident have to pay for prescriptions that are not covered by the Part D plan? Who would be considered the responsible party? What should the responsible party do with the bill? - Submitter to remain Anonymous

A. Medicaid does allow, per Social Security Act, nursing facilities to offset a beneficiary's patient-pay amount (PPA) for drugs not covered by Medicare Part D. Prior to off-setting the PPA, an exception or appeal for the non-covered drug (except excluded Part D drugs, i.e. benzodiazepines) must have been requested. A copy of the exception or appeal request and denial by Medicare Part D must be retained by the nursing facility in the beneficiary's medical/clinical record.

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Web Page Reorganization

Due to the new **CHAMPS** system, Michigan Medicaid is in the process of reorganizing the web pages for the Michigan Department of Community Health website. The web pages will have easy access and will be in a user-friendly format.

The web pages will be divided to three categories, Providers, Managed Care Organizations and Trading Partners. Each category will include separate subcategories.

The main page will contain the most commonly used links as shortcuts. The shortcuts will include new information as well as current information provided at the website today. Some of the shortcuts will be:

- Medicaid Provider Manual
- Provider Updates
- 'L' Letters
- Fee Schedules

Medicaid has posted the list of trainings for the **CHAMPS** and NPI trainings for September – November. Registration is mandatory and the sessions may fill up quickly. Please make sure to reserve your spot today!

Stay tuned to every edition of the Provider Inquirer to keep up to date with the progress of **CHAMPS**. For other information please sign-up for the ListServ and attend all future Medicaid Trainings. More information can also be found on our website, www.michigan.gov/mdch and click on the **CHAMPS** logo, which is a left side navigation tab.